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PSC SETS INTERVENTION DEADLINE IN MISSOURI-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY INFRASTRUCTURE SURCHARGE REQUEST

Jefferson City (September 15, 2003)---Missouri-American Water Company has filed an application with the Missouri Public Service Commission seeking Commission authority to place an infrastructure system replacement surcharge on the water bills of their customers in St. Louis County. The Commission has established the deadline for those wishing to intervene and participate in this case.

Under a bill (HB 208) passed by the 2003 Missouri General Assembly and signed into law by the Governor, Missouri-American Water Company can seek to establish an infrastructure system replacement surcharge related to work performed in St. Louis County. Under the law, the Commission must act on Missouri-American Water Company's application within 120 days. A decision in this matter must be made and be in effect by December 31, 2003.

According to Missouri-American Water Company, the infrastructure system replacements are eligible water utility plant projects in that they are either: 1) mains and associated valves and hydrants installed as replacements for existing facilities that have worn out or were in a deteriorated condition; or, 2) a main cleaning and/or relining project; or, 3) an unreimbursed infrastructure facility relocation due to the construction or improvement of a highway road, street, public way or other public work required by or on behalf of the United States, the State of Missouri, a political subdivision of the State of Missouri, or another entity having the power of eminent domain.

According to the application, the infrastructure system replacement surcharge would be a percentage applied to customer bills by rate class. As an example, Missouri-American Water Company has asked that a surcharge of 4.29% be applied to the bills of residential customers of the Company in St. Louis County. The actual dollar amount of the surcharge would vary based upon customer usage during each billing period.

Applications to intervene and participate in this case must be filed on or before September 29, 2003, with the Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102. Copies of the application should be sent to: William R. England and Dean L. Cooper, Brydon, Swearngen & England, P.C., 312 East Capitol Avenue, P.O. Box 456, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102; and the Office of the Public Counsel, P.O. Box 7800, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102. The Office of the Public Counsel is a separate state agency which represents the general public in matters before the Public Service Commission.

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